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SUBJECT: ADDITIONS TO THOSE ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT FRANGIE

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1. THIS MORNING WHEN DIB TOLD ME THAT CHAMOUN, HELOU, HAMADE, YAFI, SAEB SALEM, KARAME ALSO HAD BEEN INVITED TO ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT FRANGIE, I TOLD DIB THAT QUITE FRANKLY THIS ALL APPEARED RATHER SILLY TO ME AND COULD HE ELABORATE ON THE PRESIDENT'S THINKING IN TRAVELLING WITH SUCH A CIRCUS.

2. DIB SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT WANTED TO HAVE, FROM THE INTERNAL LEBANESE POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW, THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE GROUP ALONG WITH HIM. THESE MEN, JUST BY THEIR PRESENCE, WOULD HAVE TO SUPPORT AND NOT CRITICIZE ANYTHING HE SAYS AT THE UNGA. THE CRITERIA FRANGIE FOLLOWED IN INVITING THESE ADDITIONAL SIX POLITICIANS WAS THE FOLLOWING: FORMER PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS WHO WOULD COUNTERBALANCE THE ESSENTIALLY CHRISTIAN ELEMENT OF THE FIRST GROUP HE HAD --I.E. TAQLA, DIB, GHORA, AND DIMESHKIE. I ASKED WHY HAMADE WHOSE SON IS IN THE

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PRESENT CABINET. DIB SAID HAMADE HAS BEEN PRESIDENT OF

PARLIAMENT TWENTY-FOUR TIMES. HE IS A SHIA AND HIS WIFE IS THE SISTER OF DAMAL ASSAD. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS FAMILY TIE WITH ASSAD, HE ALSO IS CURRENTLY ON EXCELLENT TERMS WITH THE IMAN MUSA SADR.

3. YAFI, A FORMER PREMIER, IS EXTREMELY CLOSE TO THE SNUNI MUFTI AND REPRESENTS THE SUNNI WHO MIGHT BE OPPOSED TO SAEB SALAM.

4. KARAMI, AT FIRST, WAS NOT AMONG THOSE THE PRESIDENT WANTED TO TAKE WITH HIM DUE TO THE BITTER ANTAGONISM THAT EXISTS BETWEEN HIM AND CHAMOUN. HOWEVER, KARAMI WAS INCLUDED FOR, ALTHOUGH CURRENTLY ALLIED WITH SAEB SALAM, HE NEVERTHELESS IS CLOSE TO YAFI.  
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